Board of Trustee Workshop October 5, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Present: Mayor Seth Gallagher and Trustees Campbell, Hustis and Serradas

Absent: Trustee Ralph Falloon

Also present: Donald MacDonald, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and ZBA members Richard Turner, John Martin, Gregory Gunder and Edward Murphy Members of the public

1. Discussion of fence height requirements

The board discussed recommendations from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding fence height requirements as per correspondence dated June 28, 2010 from Donald MacDonald, Chairman. (attached)

Thomas Ambrose, resident of Paulding Avenue, spoke of the existence of numerous illegal six-foot fences within the village. He stated that people generally put up fences in small sections or along one side because of problems they have encountered. After surveying fences in the village, Mr. Ambrose believes there is no adverse visual impact or upon the character of the neighborhood in having a four- foot fence on one side and a six- foot fence on the other. He fears that the changes proposed by the ZBA will not address the problem he has encountered.

After discussion, Mayor Gallagher asked if the following addition to the ZBA recommendations would be acceptable:

"In cases where the problem neighbor's property shares more than one side, the fence can extend along that side. The "good" side of the fence should be facing out.

Trustee Hustis moved to send the ZBA recommendations with this one addition to the Village Attorney and seconded by Mayor Gallagher and unanimously approved.

2. Selection of Engineering Consultant for Transportation project

Mayor Gallagher polled members regarding their choice of an engineering consultant for PIN 8760.04 as per selection criteria. The top choice for members was as follows:

Trustee Hustis- Lochner

Trustee Campbell –CHA

Trustee Serradas- GPI

Mayor Gallagher –CHA

Trustee Serradas pointed out that Trustee Falloon was not present to vote.

Mayor Gallagher read an email from Trustee Falloon recommending selection of CHA.

Trustee Campbell moved to select CHA as the village consultant for PIN 8760.04 and seconded by Trustee Hustis.

Trustee Hustis voting yes

Trustee Campbell voting yes

Trustee Serradas voting yes

Mayor Gallagher voting ves

Motion carried and firm CHA is selected.

3. Bill approval

Trustee Hustis moved to approve of the audited bills and seconded by Trustee Campbell and unanimously approved.

Mayor Gallagher informed members of a meeting scheduled with a representative of the Real Estate Division of the United States Post Office.

Minutes prepared from audio recording of meeting and notes taken by Mayor Gallagher Mary Saari, Village Clerk